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SUBJ: PRG LIAISON OFFICE AT UN

1. AT SYG REQUEST AMB. PHILLIPS ACCOMPANIED BY AMB. SCHAUFLE CALLED ON SYG AND USYG GUYER TO DISCUSS PRG DESIGNATION OF NGUYEN VAN TIEN AS PRG OBSERVER TO UN.
2. SYG WENT BACK OVER EVENTS OF PARIS EXPRESSING HIS DEEP GRATITUDE AGAIN FOR SECY. ROGERS' AND DEP. ASST. SECY. SULLIVAN' S ASSISTANCE IN PERSUADING HANOI AND PRG TO AGREE TO SOME ROLE FOR UN IN PARIS PEACE AGREEMENT. NOTED THAT MME. BINH HAD MENTIONED PRG LINK TO UN AND ONE PRG REP CAME TO SEE HIM ONE EVENING TO REQUEST SPECIFICALLY SOME SORT OF STATUS AT UN. PRG REP SPOKE ALTERNATELY OF LIAISON AND OBSERVER STATUS BUT SYG SPOKE ONLY OF LIAISON. REITERATED THAT HE ONLY AGREED STUDY MATTER.
3. SINCE END OF PARIS CONFERENCE THERE HAD BEEN NO FURTHER CONTACT BETWEEN UN AND PRG UNTIL LATTER ASKED SYG' S CONTACT MAN, AUBRAC, TO COME TO PARIS FROM ROME MARCH 29. AT MEETING WITH PRG SPOKESMAN MARCH 30 AUBRAC RECEIVED NOTE FROM MME. BINH WHICH SYG SHOWED TO PHILLIPS.
4. NOTE RECALLS MEETINGS IN PARIS AND REFERS TO SYG' S FAVORABLE ATTITUDE AND AGREEMENT TO ACCORD PRG OBSERVER STATUS IN NY AND GENEVA. IT DESIGNATES TIEN AS PERMANENT OBSERVER IN NY, ADDING THAT DESIGNATION FOR REP IN GENEVA WOULD FOLLOW SHORTLY. IN FOLLOWING CONVERSATION AUBRAC
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WAS TOLD THAT TIEN WOULD BE AUTHORIZED DISCUSS HUMANITARIAN RELIEF QUESTIONS, THAT HIS MISSION WOULD BE ABOUT FIVE

PEOPLE AND HE WOULD BE READY LEAVE VERY SHORTLY. PRG SPOKES-
MAN ASKED WHERE MISSION COULD GET US
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LIAISON OFFICE WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO US.

10. AFTER FURTHER EXCHANGES IT WAS AGREED THAT WE WOULD STAY
IN CONTACT BEFORE REPLY SENT LATER IN WEEK. SYG TOLD PHILLIPS
THAT UN SPOKESMAN AT NOON BRIEFING WOULD SAY THAT SYG HAD
RECEIVED MESSAGE FROM PRG AND WOULD BE REPLYING LATER.
IN EXPECTATION OF MEETING PRESS ON LEAVING PHILLIPS
AND SYG AGREED THAT FORMER WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SUBJECT
HAD BEEN DISCUSSED BUT NOT GO INTO ANY SUBSTANCE.

11. COMMENT : WE HAD WONDERED WHETHER SYG WOULD BE
THINKING OF GENEVA AS SITE PRG LIAISON OFFICE, WHATEVER IT
MIGHT BE CALLED. HOWEVER, STRONG US REACTION MAY HAVE
HEADED HIM OFF ON THIS POSSIBILITY.

12. HOWEVER, IT OBVIOUS THERE SOME WEAKNESS IN SYG' S
ATTITUDES AND WHEN PHILLIPS SEES HIM AT PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED
APPOINTMENT APRIL 3 HE WILL REITERATE FIRM US OBJECTIONS TO
ANY KIND OF FORMAL, OFFICIAL AND INSTITUTIONALIZED RELA-
TIONSHIP EVEN THOUGH WE WOULD NOT OBJECT TO UN CONTACTS
WITH PRG AS LONG AS THEY INFORMAL AT TIMES AND PLACES TO BE
DETERMINED ON AD HOC BASIS.
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